GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:18
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FORMATION OF PHARMEXCIL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for relaxing the laid down rules and procedures of Department of Commerce`s guidelines dated October 11, 2000, regarding restructuring of export promotion council in absence of any request received from Pharma member exporters Chemexcil;

(b) the reasons for urgently notifying formation of Pharmexcil in May,2004, prior to the formation of the new Government; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent siphoning of funds by Pharmexcil, controlled by a influential section of the industry having no support from the majority of Pharma exporters?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) While constituting Pharmexcil, a conscious decision was taken not to constitute an Export Promotion Forum (EPF), as per guidelines of 11th October, 2000, but an Export Promotion Council (EPC) to provide thrust to the growing pharmaceutical sector in the global market.

(b) The notification could have been issued earlier but since the election process was on so in consultation with the Election Commission, the Notification was issued only after the completion of polling on 10th May 2004.

(c) The Government has not received any such complaint.